

The Government- How Big Is It?

IT'S SO BIG IT OWES \$1,242,000,000,000 (That's one TRILLION 242 billion)

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An alarming report on the staggering size of "Big Government" has been made public. Consider what this report shows:

—Our national debt is actually **\$1.242 TRILLION**, not \$298 billion.

—Each person's share of this debt (every man, woman and child) is **\$6,642**.

—Government—Federal, State and local employs 17 per cent of the U. S. labor force, or **one of each six people works for the government**. The number of new employees hired by the Federal Government has risen sharply, with over **120,000 added** in the last 18 months.

—Our potential shortage of gold stands at **\$15.6 billion**.

—There are 52 independent agencies which regulate more and more personal and business activities. These are part legislative, part judicial and part executive with over 500,000 employees.

—The Federal Government now owns over one-third of our total land . . . 405,500 buildings . . . 224,300 vehicles.

—Federal subsidies to "aid" you total more than **\$7.1 billion**.

These figures and facts add up to more and more government control of our lives, our money, our business and personal affairs.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

When you compare the debts of our Federal Government to debts of consumers in this country (\$56 billion) it shows just how great the financial obligations of the Government are. These Government debts are money owed today plus funds Congress has approved for continuing programs.

Direct obligations consist of the Federal debt in Treasury securities and the current authority to obligate. These are:

Debt outstanding	\$295,900,000,000
Unpaid obligations	47,300,000,000
Unused authority	31,000,000,000
New 1963 appropriations	99,300,000,000
Additional obligation authority	1,100,000,000
Unfunded cost of started public works	9,100,000,000

Contingent obligations	338,000,000,000
Other commitments	420,300,000,000

Total \$1,242,000,000,000

Federal spending entails foreign aid—\$96 billion since World War II—which has resulted in a flow of gold from this country and created a serious gold shortage. Our gold reserves total \$16.5 billion. But foreign claims on our gold supply total \$20.4 billion. Our Federal Government must maintain \$11.7 billion in gold to back the dollar; thus our potential shortage stands at **\$15.6 billion**.

Big government feeds itself by extracting money from the people—from you. The Federal Government has no money of its own. Government money and Federal funds come from you, the taxpayer, every cent of them. There is no such thing as "federal aid." That's your money the Government spends. Every Federal obligation is your obligation, because government must take the money from you to meet its bills—present and future.

Abraham Lincoln once asked a fellow, "If you call a dog's tail a leg, then how many legs does the dog have?"

"Five," said the fellow.

"Wrong," said Lincoln. "Calling a dog's tail a leg doesn't make it one!"

So it is . . . calling your money "Federal aid" doesn't make it so either. It's your money that is doing the aiding. It should also be noted that there is a direct relation-

ship between the amount of money the government spends and the amount of control the government exerts over our daily lives. **More spending—less freedom.**

FOREIGN AID

Those of us in Congress who must vote on foreign aid bills are not given accurate information as to where the money will be spent! Instead, a year or two later we will see a report or read about it in the paper. Thus, these figures below do not represent up-to-date statistics, but they are the latest that officials will release.

It is interesting to me that one reason given by Federal officials for their refusal to make figures available by country is that to do so would cause jealousies among potentates of various countries who might not be getting as much as the next beribboned chief ruler!

At any rate, these are the figures through the year 1961. If anyone ever says Americans don't give 'til it hurts, just show him these figures.

AID PAID FOR BY AMERICAN TAXPAYERS SINCE WORLD WAR II

Austria	\$1,170,100,000
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,935,200,000
Denmark	822,200,000
France	9,423,600,000
Germany (Federal Republic)	4,993,900,000
Berlin	127,000,000
Iceland	62,600,000
Ireland	146,200,000
Italy (including Trieste)	5,517,000,000
Netherlands	2,416,000,000
Norway	1,024,500,000
Poland	509,400,000
Portugal	370,600,000
Spain	1,470,300,000
Sweden	108,900,000
United Kingdom	8,668,300,000
Yugoslavia	2,132,400,000
Europe regional	2,237,300,000
Burma	93,900,000
Cambodia	263,600,000
China, Republic of	3,894,500,000
Indochina (undistributed)	1,535,000,000
Japan	3,462,500,000
Korea	4,486,600,000
Laos	301,200,000
Malaya	21,800,000
Philippines	1,555,700,000
Thailand	571,800,000
Vietnam	1,895,900,000

Southeast Asia regional	316,100,000
Greece	3,073,500,000
Iran	1,012,500,000
Iraq	65,300,000
Israel	709,100,000
Jordan	230,900,000
Lebanon	86,100,000
Saudi Arabia	46,600,000
Turkey	3,094,900,000
United Arab Republic	295,000,000
Yemen	11,300,000
CENTO	23,200,000
Indonesia	558,000,000
Afghanistan	145,700,000
Ceylon	65,300,000
India	2,383,900,000
Nepal	39,400,000
Pakistan	1,255,700,000
Asia regional	854,200,000
Argentina	460,500,000
Bolivia	191,700,000
Brazil	1,376,500,000
Chile	364,600,000
Columbia	249,500,000
Costa Rica	68,700,000
Cuba	52,000,000
Dominican Republic	8,800,000
Ecuador	84,300,000
El Salvador	10,000,000
Guatemala	117,400,000
Haiti	80,400,000
Honduras	34,900,000
Mexico	600,000,000
Nicaragua	42,500,000
Panama	58,600,000
Paraguay	39,500,000
Peru	334,300,000
Uruguay	72,300,000
Venezuela	73,300,000
West Indies Federation	11,500,000
Oversea territories	4,800,000
Latin America regional	111,100,000
Ethiopia	115,000,000
Ghana	4,000,000
Guinea	3,800,000
Liberia	73,300,000
Libya	154,000,000
Morocco	194,700,000
Nigeria	6,200,000
Somali Republic	9,100,000
Sudan	44,100,000
Tunisia	135,200,000
Overseas territories	60,900,000
Africa regional	21,600,000
Nonregional	3,336,200,000
TOTAL	\$84,090,800,000

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